

## Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District

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Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order for E & B Natural Resources Management

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Dear Mr. Mahoney:

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Email Roland@ssjmud.org On behalf of Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, we would like to express our support for the adoption of Order No. R5-2018-XXXX, which would establish waste discharge requirements for the water reclamation project proposed by E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation, Sherwood Hills, LLC, et al.

As identified in the tentative order, this project would provide tangible benefits to both the energy and agricultural industries, while supporting water management best practices. In addition to these benefits, the tentative order includes important safeguards to help assure the safety of the environment, human health and maintain water quality.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of identifying new sources of water to irrigate our crops, especially in drought-prone regions like the Central Valley. Without the use of the drought proof water generated from this project, the farming of approximately 4,400 acres of agricultural land would not be possible. For these reasons and more, we urge the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) to adopt Order No. R5-2018-XXXX and approve this project.

Sincerely,

Roland Gross General Manager

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